

## The Season's Prettiest Suits

Our purchases in this realm of the ready-made have already doubled those of last fall. And we have no regrets. Costumes that came last week are already fulfilling their mission as habitations. Those that came today will be finding owners tomorrow. We've gauged the demand, picked the proper styles, fixed a convincingly correct range of prices.

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The popular gray homespun suits.

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A pure all-wool Worsted Suit of black Cheviot, up-to-date in every curve and fold.

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TWO. That's the difference to YOU, be

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Mail orders receive prompt attention.

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**SHOES**

A complete stock just received.

The best quality and lowest prices in the

city.

**C. FRIEDGEN**

21 North Pennsylvania St.

**TOTAL CUT OF \$120,000**

**RESULT OF THE WORK OF THE**

**FIRST MARION COUNTY COUNCIL.**

The Total Appropriations Agreed

Upon Amount to \$711,899.50—No

New Big Bridges.

The Marion County Council, after a ses-

sion of nearly three weeks, will finish its

work this morning by passing the various

ordinances necessary to complete the duties

of the council. The tax levy ordinance—fix-

ing the rate for general county expenses at

24 cents—has already been agreed on and

yesterday evening late the council finished

the appropriation ordinance. Unless some

changes are made today in the estimate

agreed on the total appropriation will

amount to \$711,899.50. This will include

the salaries of county officers and a fund of

\$62,983 to be expended in maintaining gravel

roads. The council will also pass the ordi-

nance providing for the refunding of \$300,000

of bonds which fall due next June.

Yesterday the council agreed to allow the

recorder \$500 to pay for the rebinding of old

records and \$2,000 for recopying records.

The recorder had estimated that these two

items would cost the county \$7,000. It has

been finally decided that the county will

not be able to build any large bridges next

year. It was estimated that the bridges the

commissioners thought were necessary

would cost in the neighborhood of \$21,000.

The elimination of the bridge expense from

the commissioners' estimate will not inter-

fere with the construction of the Central-

avenue bridge. The council estimates that it

has made a cut on the total estimate for

county expenses of \$120,000.

**THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN.**

Old-Time Men Who "Ran with the

Machine" Organize.

Some of the old-time fire-fighters of the

State met in Room 1, Superior Court, yes-

terday, and organized a society, which will

be composed entirely of men who have be-

## TAGGART NOW DENIES IT

EX-MAYOR DENIES THE CAUSTIC LETTER

DRAWN A REPLY FROM HIM.

He Says He Did Not Say What Two

Newspapers Said He Did Say—

Mr. Denny's Remarks.

Ex-Mayor Caleb S. Denny has replied to

the attacks made upon his administration

by Mayor Taggart in an open letter made

public yesterday. In answering Mayor Tag-

gart's arraignment he says: "I have no ob-

jection whatever to make to anything you

may have said in so far as your state-

ments may have been made simply in com-

parison of the strict enforcement of the

laws, which I attempted to carry out, and

your policy of nonenforcement." The let-

ter denies the accusation that a spy system

was enforced in apprehending offenders

against the laws, denying that the police

policy was intended to exercise great

vigilance to detect violations of the law

by gamblers and saloon keepers who per-

sisted in defying the ordinances. In re-

fering to the city improvements made

under his administration, Mr. Denny states

that more streets were improved and sewers

constructed than under either of the two ad-

ministrations of Mayor Taggart, that the

improvements were pushed as rapidly as

hard Democratic times, which existed dur-

ing his term of office, permitted and that

the citizens at that time were objecting,

owing to these conditions, to the work that

was even then being done. It is not fair,

the ex-mayor insists, to make comparisons

between the two administrations on the

matter of park improvements. The law

would not allow Mr. Denny to take the

steps it has been possible for Mayor Tag-

gart to accomplish. It was impossible, also,

owing to the constitutional debt limit hav-

ing been reached prior to his taking office.

The present administration was lifted from

this difficulty by the payment of the Belt

Railroad bonds, which enabled a bond issue

to be made; by the increased tax values,

which gave the present administration the

power to borrow large sums of money. A

permanent debt against the city has been

made for every dollar put in the recent im-

provements. While Mr. Denny's hands were

not tied by the already existing indebtedness

he was able, nevertheless, to refund at 4 per

cent, and with a considerable cash premium,

more than twelve hundred thousand dollars

of indebtedness outstanding against the

city, which was created by a former Demo-

cratic administration. This payment ma-

terially aided the present administration in

the improvements since completed.

In conclusion the letter calls attention to

the fact that when Mayor Taggart first ac-

cepted the office he insisted that the laws

should be strictly enforced and that in-

structions to that effect were issued to his

chief of police. "I am anxious to know,"

Mr. Denny says, "how it happens that you

have found it to be in the line of your duty

to change front completely on this ques-

tion. If it is an honest change of view on

the question referred to it will be sufficient

for you, in answer, to simply say so, but if

your mind has not undergone a change in

this matter then I think that you owe me

an apology."

**THE MAYOR'S REPLY.**

Replying to this, Mayor Taggart sent a

letter to Mr. Denny, in which he explained

his position as follows:

"Your letter of the 20th is received, and if

I were not so busy and so tired, I would

would see you in person. I have never, in

any speech, in former campaigns or in this

one, said that I did not elect Mayor I did

not intend that policemen and detectives

should not be in the line of your duty to

change front completely on this ques-

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**THE REPORT OF THE SPEECH.**

In handling Mayor Taggart's speech the

## AS THE CROWD SAW "US"

A GREAT TREAT TO THE VISITORS

WAS THE THEATERS.

Unhappy Experience of a Bride and

Groom Who Could Get No

Accommodations.

Very sorry, sir, but I can't offer you

anything better than a cot." This was the

hand-out many a weary wanderer received

from hotel clerks yesterday. Anyone who

had anything to sell that could be eaten,

anyone who had anything to sell that

could be slept on, might have found a ready

market. The city was not prepared for the

crowd that it before the coming of a con-

vention. Persons who have lost heavily by

establishing restaurants for enormous de-

legations to conventions that didn't come

might have made good if they had ventured

this week. People from the country have

bigger appetites than delegations to L. A.

W. meets, for instance.

That the state fair is for the country peo-

ple, Indianapolisans are not denying, but

the people of the city have helped to swell

the crowds at the fair and on the streets.

There are some who make it a rule to stay

at home when there are great crowds in

the city, but it seems the majority of the

citizens have a desire to be on the streets

at the same time the visitors are. The

country people would resent it if it were in-

structed that the city people like to "study"

them. The Circle is having its usual num-

ber of state fair victims, who, after do-

ing four or five laps, stop a native and ask

him the way out.

**BUSINESS OF THE THEATERS.**

The business of the theaters has been of

the kind that makes road managers rub

their hands and talk about the big attrac-

tions they propose to take out next year.

It will be remembered that last year theater-

going people from out in the State ex-

pressed a desire to be able to go to Indianapolis

during fair week and see some other show

at the same time. The "Superba" and "Su-

perba" is at the Park, and Eng-

lish's has one of the best New York pro-

ductions.

"This is a great sight," said a man who

stood in the lobby of the Grand Opera

last night while the grand opera was

going on. There are all kinds of people in

the crowd. A minute ago a man and a

woman went up to the door with gallery

tickets. The doorman directed them to the

alley entrance. The woman had a big

sack of apples in her hand. I have seen

country people go to the door with their

money in their pockets. I suppose, to pay

their money at the door."

The speaker was a little boy who had

stepped up to him. The little boy had a

red balloon in hand.

"Can you tell me what play is here?"

asked the farmer, timidly.

"Yes," said the longer, "the Empire

Theater Stock Company is playing 'Lord

and Lady'."

"Oh," said the farmer, and mused a mo-

ment. "I don't know what a lord and lady

is. But I know what a box office is. And

the box office, where a throng of people

waited to buy tickets. The farmer watched

the ticket takers and saw a crowd of some

paper money through the window and re-

ceive tickets in exchange.

The farmer walked out on the sidewalk

and around Monument place, dragging the

little boy with the red balloon after him.

**AT THE THEATERS.**

The Empire Theater was filled. People

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